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	A3	1,706,500	03/26/1929	Smith			
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	A5	2,296,793	09/22/1942	Kirschbaum			
	A6	2,590,527	03/25/1952	Fluck			
	A7	2,693,795	11/09/1954	Grieshaber			
	A8	2,863,444	12/09/1958	Winsten			
	A9	3,361,133	01/02/1968	Kimberley et al.			
	A10	3,392,722	07/16/1968	Jorgensen			
	A11	3,466,079	09/09/1969	W.K. Mammel			
	A12	3,584,822	06/15/1971	Oram			
	A13	3,683,926	08/15/1972	Suzuki			
	A14	3,720,433	03/13/1973	Rosfelder			
	A15	3,783,873	01/08/1974	Harvey Barry Jacobs			
	A16	3,807,406	04/30/1974	Rafferty et al.			
	A17	3,858,926	01/07/1975	Ottenhues			
	A18	3,882,855	05/13/1975	Shulte et al.			
	A19	3,912,317	10/14/1975	Ohnaka, et al.			
	A20	3,916,909	11/04/1975	Kletschka, et al.			
	A21	3,983,863	10/05/1976	Janke et al.			
	A22	4,047,532	09/13/1977	Phillips et al.			
	A23	4,048,987	09/20/1977	Hurson			

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	A27	4,052,980	10/11/1977	Grams et al			
	A28	4,094,484	06/13/1978	Galionne et al.			
	A29	4,096,853	06/27/1978	Hanfried Weigand			
	A30	4,096,864	06/27/1978	Kletschka et al.			
	A31	4,217,890	08/19/1980	Owens			
	A32	4,226,228	10/07/1980	Shin et al.			
	A33	4,230,119	10/28/1980	Blum			
	A34	4,300,564	11/17/1981	Furihata			
	A35	4,306,561	12/22/1981	Luis de Medinaceli			
	A36	4,350,160	09/21/1982	Kolesov, et al.			
	A37	4,366,819	01/04/1983	Kaster			
	A38	4,368,736	01/18/1983	Kaster			
	A39	4,421,107	12/20/1983	Estes et al.			
	A40	4,428,368	01/31/1984	Torii			
	A41	4,434,791	03/06/1984	Darnell			
	A42	4,457,300	07/03/1984	Budde			
	A43	4,461,284	07/24/1984	Fackler			
	A44	4,492,229	01/28/1985	Grunwald			
	A45	4,617,916	10/21/1986	LeVahn et al.			
	A46	4,627,421	12/09/1986	Symbas et al.			
	A47	4,637,377	01/20/1987	Loop			
	A48	4,646,747	03/03/1987	Lundback			
	A49	4,688,570	08/25/1987	Kramer et al.			

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A55	4,736,749	04/12/1988	Lundback			
A56	4,747,395	05/31/1988	Brief			
A57	4,754,746	07/05/1988	Cox			
A58	4,803,984	02/14/1989	Narayanan et al.			
A59	4,808,163	02/28/1989	Laub			
A60	4,827,926	05/09/1989	Carol			
A61	4,829,985	05/16/1989	Couetil			
A62	4,841,967	06/27/1989	Chang et al.			
A63	4,852,552	08/01/1989	Chaux			
A64	4,854,318	08/08/1989	Solem et al.			
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A66	4,863,133	09/05/1989	Bonnell			
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A70	4,925,443	05/15/1990	Heilman et al.			
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A72	4,949,927	08/21/1990	Madocks et al.			
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	A82	5,011,469	04/30/1991	Buckberg et al.			
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	A84	5,025,779	06/25/1991	Bugge			
	A85	5,036,868	08/06/1991	Berggren et al.			
	A86	5,037,428	08/06/1991	Picha et al.			
	A87	5,052,373	10/01/1991	Michelson			
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	A89	5,080,088	01/14/1992	LeVahn			
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	A91	5,119,804	06/09/1992	Anstadt			
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	A95	5,139,517	08/18/1992	Corral			
	A96	5,150,706	09/29/1992	Cox et al.			
	A97	5,152,777	10/06/1992	Goldberg et al.			
	A98	5,159,921	11/03/1992	Hoover			
	A99	5,167,223	12/01/1992	Koros et al.			
	A100	5,171,254	12/15/1992	Sher			
	A101	Re. 34,150	12/29/1992	Santilli, deceased et al.			

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	A105	5,256,132	10/26/1993	Snyders			
	A106	5,268,640	12/07/1993	Du et al.			
	A107	5,287,861	02/22/1994	Wilk			
	A108	5,290,082	03/01/1994	Palmer et al.			
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	A111	5,318,013	07/07/1994	Wilk			
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	A113	5,348,259	09/20/1994	Blanco et al.			
	A114	5,363,882	11/15/1994	Chikama			
	A115	5,382,756	01/17/1995	Dagan			
	A116	5,383,840	01/24/1995	Heilman et al.			
	A117	5,417,709	05/23/1995	Charles R. Slater			
	A118	5,425,705	06/20/1995	Evard et al.			
	A119	5,437,651	08/01/1995	Todd et al.			
	A120	5,452,733	09/26/1995	Sterman et al.			
	A121	5,453,078	09/26/1995	Valentine et al.			
	A122	5,456,714	10/10/1995	Owen			
	A123	5,467,763	11/21/1995	McMahon et al.			
	A124	5,480,425	01/02/1996	Ogilive			
	A125	5,484,391	01/16/1996	Buckman Jr. et al.			
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	A127	5,503,617	04/02/1996	Jako			

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	A133	5,522,819	06/04/1996	Graves et al.			
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	A135	5,536,251	07/16/1996	Evard et al.			
	A136	5,547,458	08/20/1996	Ortiz et al.			
	A137	5,569,274	10/29/1996	Rapacki et al.			
	A138	5,571,074	11/05/1996	Buckman Jr. et al.			
	A139	5,571,215	11/05/1996	Sterman et al.			
	A140	5,573,496	11/12/1996	McPherson et al.			
	A141	5,582,580	12/10/1996	Buckman Jr. et al.			
	A142	5,607,421	03/04/1997	Jeevanandam et al.			
	A143	5,607,446	03/04/1997	Beehler et al.			
	A144	5,613,937	03/25/1997	Garrison et al.			
	A145	5,632,746	05/27/1997	Middleman et al			
	A146	5,651,378	07/29/1997	Metheny et al.			
	A147	5,662,300	09/02/1997	Michelson			
	A148	5,667,480	09/16/1997	Knight et al.			
	A149	5,713,951	02/03/1998	Garrison et al.			
	A150	5,727,569	03/17/1998	Benetti et al.			
	A151	5,728,151	03/17/1998	Garrison et al.			
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	A153	5,735,290	04/07/1998	Sterman et al.			

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	A159	5,795,291	08/18/1998	Koros et al.	
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	A162	5,807,243	09/15/1998	Vierra et al.	
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	A164	5,818,231	10/06/1998	Smith	
	A165	5,836,311	11/17/1998	Borst et al.	
	A166	5,864,275	01/26/1999	Ohashi et al.	
	A167	5,865,730	02/02/1999	Fox et al.	
	A168	5,868,763	02/09/1999	Spence et al.	
	A169	5,888,247	03/30/1999	Benetti	
	A170	5,885,271	03/23/1999	Hamilton et al.	
	A171	5,899,425	04/04/1999	Corey Jr. et al.	
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	A173	5,894,843	04/20/1999	Benetti et al.	
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	A175	5,908,378	06/01/1999	Kovacs et al.	
	A176	5,921,979	07/13/1999	Kovacs et al.	
	A177	5,927,284	07/27/1999	Borst et al.	
	A178	5,947,896	09/07/1999	Sherts et al.	
	A179	5,957,835	09/28/1999	Anderson et al.	

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	A183	5,984,864	11/16/1999	Fox et al.	
	A184	6,007,486	12/28/1999	Hunt et al	
	A185	6,010,531	01/04/2000	Donlon et al.	
	A186	6,013,027	01/11/2000	Khan et al.	
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	A188	6,015,427	01/18/2000	Mueller et al.	
	A189	6,019,722	02/01/2000	Spence et al.	
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	A191	6,029,671	02/29/2000	Stevens et al.	
	A192	6,030,392	02/29/2000	Dakov	
	A193	6,032,672	03/07/2000	Taylor	
	A194	6,033,362	03/07/2000	Cohn	
	A195	6,036,641	03/14/2000	Taylor et al.	
	A196	6,036,703	03/14/2000	Evans et al.	
	A197	6,042,539	03/28/2000	Harper et al.	
	A198	6,050,266	04/18/2000	Benetti et al.	
	A199	6,110,187	08/29/2000	Brian S. Donlon	
	A200	6,120,436	09/19/2000	Anderson et al.	
	A201	6,139,492	10/31/2000	Vierra et al.	
	A202	6,149,583	11/21/2000	Vierra et al.	
	A203	6,159,201	12/12/2000	Hamilton et al.	
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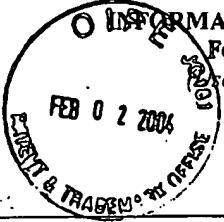
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	A209	6,231,585	05/15/2001	Takahashi et al.					
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	A211	6,264,605	07/24/2001	Scirica et al.					
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	A215	6,336,898	01/08/2002	Borst et al.					
	A216	6,338,712	01/15/2002	Spence et al.					
	A217	6,346,077	02/12/2002	Taylor et al.					
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	A223	6,375,611	04/23/2002	Voss et al.					
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	A235		6,478,729	11/12/002	Rogers et al.		
	A236		6,482,151	11/19/2002	Vierra et al.		
	A237		6,494,211	12/17/2002	Boyd et al.		
	A238		6,503,245	01/07/2003	Palmer et al.		
	A239		6,506,149	01/14/2003	Peng et al.		
	A240		6,537,212	03/25/2003	Sherts et al.		
	A241		6,565,508	05/20/2003	Scirica et al.		
	A242		6,589,166	07/08/2003	Knight et al.		
	A243		6,592,573	07/15/2003	Castaneda et al.		
	A244		6,607,479	08/19/2003	Kochamba et al.		
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	B5	WO 88/00481	01/28/1988	PCT			
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	B7	EP 0 293 760 A3	12/07/1988	EPO			
	B8	EP 0 293 760 B1	12/07/1988	EPO			
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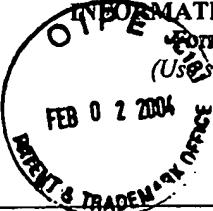
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